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A Session of Success

"We kept our promise that Kentucky farmers will receive their 2004 Phase II payments."

We had a very successful session this year with many benefits for our farmers and agricultural community. We passed a strong budget and the JOBS for Kentucky tax modernization plan with bipartisan support during the recent General Assembly.

We kept our promise that Kentucky farmers will receive their 2004 Phase II payments. I have instructed the Finance Cabinet, the Office of the Budget Director, and the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy to work together to get your money to you as soon as possible, and ahead of the June 30, 2005, deadline set by the Legislature. Other successes for agriculture include:

- I fulfilled my commitment to return \$17 million for the Kentucky Agriculture Finance Corporation.
- We allocated 35 percent of the Agricultural Development Fund for diversification efforts close to home.
- Tobacco-impacted counties benefit from \$126 million to improve infrastructure, mainly through water and sewer projects.
- 2004 Phase II payments are exempt from state income tax.
- Kentucky continues to pursue payment from tobacco companies through vigorous legal challenges in court.

While the Commonwealth diversifies its agricultural industry, we never underestimate the future tobacco will have in Kentucky. Some will choose to continue to grow tobacco. I hope many of you will contract with pharmaceutical companies to grow tobacco for medicinal uses. Others will decide to leave tobacco and focus on new opportunities in agriculture. No matter what you choose to do with your property, I pledge my support to assist Kentucky's farmers through this transition.

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Agriculture Highlights from the 2005 Session

The 2005 session of the General Assembly adjourned *Sine Die* March 21, until January 3, 2006. A total of 742 bills and 508 resolutions were introduced during the 2005 Session of the General Assembly. Bills passed this session will become law on June 20, 2005, except for budget measures and any bills with emergency implementation clauses.

The two major pieces of legislation the General Assembly passed were the State Budget and a Tax Modernization package.

Agricultural highlights from the Budget:

- \$114 million for the 2004 Phase II payments. These funds will be issued by capturing \$27 million in cash from the state Agricultural Development Fund and issuing \$87 million in bond funds. The debt service of \$9.2 million a year for 20 years will also be paid by the state Agricultural Development Fund.
- \$2.5 million and an additional \$1 million will be transferred to the Agricultural Development Fund from the unused portion of the Phase I supplemental payment distributed in January 2001. The state's Environmental Cost-Share program received \$1.54 million dollars of these funds to bring the 2005-2006 funding level back up to its current level of \$9 million.
- \$8.5 million for the University of

Kentucky's Livestock Disease Diagnostic Center in Lexington and \$1.5 million to replace an incinerator at the Breathitt Diagnostic Laboratory.

- \$108,000 for operating costs at UK's diagnostic laboratory which equalizes the funding level between UK and Breathitt laboratories.
- \$300,000 for a new Pathological Incinerator for the Breathitt Diagnostic Center.
- \$270,000 for the design phase of the University of Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky University dairy merger, plans are for this facility to be located at Meadowbrook Farm near the ECU campus.
- \$1 million from the General Fund to support the career advancement track for Cooperative Extension Agents.
- \$1.1 million in operating funds and \$1.7 million in bond funds to the Research Challenge Trust Fund for the purpose of establishing a Biotechnology Program in Shrimp Production. The University of Kentucky, Western Kentucky University, and Kentucky State University shall develop a marketing plan for the shrimp industry in Kentucky.

Highlights of the Tax Modernization package:

- Lowers the individual income tax rate from 6% to 5.8% on income between \$8,000 and \$75,000 a year, income over \$75,000 will

continued to be taxed at the 6% rate.

- Includes limited liability entities (LLCs) in the corporate income tax calculations.
- Exempts Phase II payments from income taxes.
- Increases the excise tax on cigarettes by 27 cents for a total of 30 cents per pack.
- A 7.5% tax on gross receipts at the wholesale level on other tobacco products except snuff, which is taxed at 9.5 cents a unit.
- Updates property taxes by repealing the intangible property tax and calculates the state property tax rate on real property in the same manner as local tax rates are calculated by excluding new growth.
- Increases from 9% to 11% the wholesale tax on alcohol.
- Establishes several new economic initiatives and incentives including equine breeders development funds and biodiesel tax credits

The tax modernization bill directs the Legislative Research Commission to study the effectiveness of the exemptions and exclusions from the sales and use tax imposed by the Commonwealth. This study will be completed no later than December 1, 2006. The bill also establishes an 18-member task force to study local taxation.

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Phase II Update

Kentucky's tobacco farmers will be receiving their 2004 Phase II payment, thanks to the commitment of the Governor and the Kentucky General Assembly.

The budget passed during the 2005 General Session included a provision for the Commonwealth to make a \$114 million Phase II payment to those who were certified as eligible to receive the December 2004 payment. The budget language also stated that if the North Carolina court case returns a verdict in the state's favor resulting in payments by the tobacco companies, that those payments would be assigned to the Commonwealth to reimburse for payments already made.

The Phase II payment will be made from \$27 million in cash from the Phase I Agricultural Development Fund and an \$87 million bond issue. The bond must be sold by June 30, 2005. The Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy is working diligently

with the Finance Cabinet and Budget Office to get your checks out as soon as possible.

Phase II in the North Carolina Court

November 2, 2004: The Tobacco Companies sent notification to all 14 Grower States, including Kentucky, requesting a full refund of the three 2004 Phase II quarterly payments currently held in by the National Trust.

December 20, 2004: The North Carolina Business Court heard arguments from both sides regarding the 2004 Phase II payments and FETRA.

December 22, 2004: Special Superior Court Judge Ben F. Tennille published his order and opinion in favor of the Tobacco Companies.

February 18, 2005: The Phase II Trustee and the Grower States filed their Record on Appeal, as required by the North Carolina Supreme Court.

March 8, 2005: The Phase II Trustee and the states filed their brief to the North Carolina Courts.

March 9, 2005: Farm Bureaus from several states have filed a joint amicus brief on behalf of their members.

On or before April 11, 2005: The Tobacco Companies must file their response to the Brief and subsequent Amicus Briefs filed on March 8, 2005.

May 16, 2005: The Certification Entities, Trustee and Tobacco Companies will appear before the North Carolina Supreme Court at 9:30 a.m. for oral agreements. Each side will have 30 minutes to argue their position. There is no timeline set for a decision by the high court.

For continual updates on the Kentucky 2004 Phase II payment and the Phase II case in the North Carolina Court visit the GOAP website at http://tobaccotrust.ky.gov/phase_ii/

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This task force must report its findings by November 1, 2005.

For a complete summary of Legislative activities during the 2005 Kentucky General Assembly go to the Kentucky Farm Bureau website at <http://www.kyfb.com/federation/home.asp> and select the KFB Legislative Report #9 Final Report.

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Farmers' Market Competitive Grants Awarded

At the February Kentucky Agricultural Development Board meeting, the Board approved five farmers' market projects, totaling \$203,001 in the first round of the **2005 Farmers' Market Competitive Grants Program**. The 2005 Farmers' Market Competitive Grants Program is a \$1.5 million grants program for regional and community farmers' markets across the state. The \$1.5 million is divided into the following investment areas: \$975,000 (65%) for regional markets, \$375,000 (25%) for community markets, and \$150,000 for market feasibility studies (10%). The deadline for the next round of competitive grant applications is July 1, 2005.

Anderson County Farmers' Market, Inc.

The Anderson County Farmers' Market Association was approved for \$5,000 in Anderson County and \$5,000 in state funds to enhance the accessibility and function of the current Farmers' Market structure for both customers and growers.



Bullitt County Conservation District

The Bullitt County Conservation District was approved for \$5,000 in Bullitt County and \$5,000 in state funds to construct a building for the Bullitt County Farmers' Market as a place for local producers to sell their products.

Carter County Extension District Board

The Carter County Extension District Board was approved for \$20,000 in Carter County and \$20,000 in state funds to construct a shed for the Carter County Farmers' Market.

Nelson County Horticulture Advisory Board

The Nelson County Horticulture Advisory Board and Nelson County Fiscal Court was approved for \$68,000 in Nelson County and \$50,000 in state funds to construct a farmers' market facility that will provide for expanded and new direct-to-consumer sales opportunities for agriculture products.

Russell Neighborhood Development Authority, Inc.

The Russell Neighborhood Development Authority, Inc. was approved for \$4,167 from each Jefferson, Spencer

and Bullitt counties and \$12,500 in state funds to conduct a feasibility study on the viability of a regional marketing facility that would initially serve retail and institutional markets in Bullitt, Spencer, and Jefferson counties.

Kentucky Fresh produce is available all summer at your local farmers' market.



Gov. Fletcher visits the Franklin County Farmers' Market

Kentucky farmers' markets will be in full swing shortly. Some markets open in April with spring lettuces, onions, greens, value-added product, eggs and much more. For a list of markets in your area or in an area of Kentucky where you may be traveling, visit www.kyagr.com and click on "Farmers Markets" in the drop down menu. A directory of markets can be found there. Shopping at your local farmers' market helps the small farmer, builds a strong local economy, and you get the freshest, best tasting produce anywhere!

Agri-tourism Competitive Awards

At the March Kentucky Agricultural Development Board meeting, the Board approved eight projects totaling \$292,200 in the first round of the **2005 Agri-tourism Competitive Awards Program**. The 2005 Agri-tourism Competitive Awards Program was designed to assist producers as they venture into Kentucky's emerging agri-tourism industry. The Board set aside \$1 million (\$500,000 in each of two rounds of awards) in state funds for the development of agri-tourism businesses and regional organizations in the competitive awards program. The deadline for the next round of competitive agri-tourism applications is August 1, 2005.

Acers of Land

Acers of Land was approved for \$5,000 in Madison County and \$50,000 in state funds to establish a vegetable processing and retail deli operation at the current agri-tourism site to provide to Kentucky producers markets for their products.

Boyd Orchards

Boyd's Orchard was approved for \$1,000 in Woodford County and \$50,000 of state funds to establish a commercial kitchen with a cooler and value added equipment to expand the existing agri-tourism facility and allow for the expansion of purchasing Kentucky grown products.

Chaney's Dairy Barn, Inc.

Chaney's Dairy Barn was approved for \$50,000 in state funds to support the expansion of the existing agri-tourism business, which serves as a marketing outlet for Kentucky products.



Evans Orchard and Cider Mill

Evans Orchard was approved for \$31,900 in state funds to support the expansion of the existing agri-tourism venture by renovating a current outdoor shed into a certified kitchen and sales area.

Farmer Bill's, LLC

Farmer Bill's was approved for \$50,000 in state funds to support the expansion of the existing agri-tourism venture by renovating an existing tobacco barn to create a retail market for the sale of produce, value-added products, crafts, and a variety of Kentucky products.

"R" Farm Pumpkins & More

"R" Farm Pumpkins & More, LLC was approved for \$15,000 in state funds to expand and promote the existing agri-tourism operation, while impacting local producers by providing new marketing outlets for products.

Serenity Hill Farm

Serenity Hill Farm was approved for \$2,000 in Jessamine County and \$15,000 in state funds for the restoration of an 1820's log cabin that will serve as a retail outlet for Kentucky products and as a site for classes and presentations on sheep and goat fiber production.

Terrapin Hill Farm

Terrapin Hill Farm was approved for \$27,300 in state funds to renovate a farmhouse to create an education center focusing on the benefits of local food systems, while providing a marketing outlet for local farm products.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture recently hired Kelly Ludwig as Kentucky's first Agri-tourism Director. Kelly will lead the development of an agri-tourism marketing survey that will be used to create a master marketing plan and determine the marketing needs of agri-tourism providers. She also will work one-on-one with individual operations to address issues such as liability insurance, zoning and signage as well as marketing.

Agricultural Development Fund Investments

Kentucky's General Assembly made a historic effort in 2000 to diversify away from tobacco production, while revitalizing the farm economy by investing 50% of Kentucky's Master Settlement Agreement into the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.

In the last three months, over \$4.9 million of Agricultural Development Funds have been invested in Kentucky's agricultural diversification effort. This brings the total investment to date to over \$171 million in an array of county, regional, and state projects designed to increase net farm income and create sustainable new farm-based enterprises.

The following are projects receiving Agricultural Development Funds between January and March 2005, representing 18 of the 1,950 projects that have been approved since 2001.

Bath County Farm Bureau

Award Date: March 2005

The Bath County Farm Bureau was approved for \$62,500 in Bath County funds to establish a Hay Handling Equipment cost-share program for Bath County farmers.

Bracken County Agriculture Advancement Council, Inc.

Award Date: January 2005

Bracken County Agriculture Advancement Council, Inc. was approved for \$148,000 in Bracken County funds to establish a pilot Hay Handling Equip-

ment cost-share program in Bracken County.

Clark County Extension District Board

Award Date: January 2005

The Clark County Extension District Board was approved for \$25,000 in Clark County funds to help construct a service building to support agricultural educational activities and provide storage for shared-use equipment in Clark County.

Cumberland County 4-H Council

Award Date: January 2005

The Cumberland County 4-H Council was approved for \$3,500 in Cumberland County funds for the development of a youth livestock program to teach livestock judging, showing and proper animal husbandry techniques to youth in the county.

Double J Feed Mill, Inc.

Award Date: January 2005

Double J Feed Mill, Inc. was approved for \$84,915 in Owsley County funds to purchase milling equipment to be used in the construction the Double J Feed Mill in Owsley County.

Fayette County 4-H Council, Inc.

Award Date: February 2005

The Fayette County 4-H Council was approved for \$4,739 in Fayette County funds to purchase equipment and curriculum to conduct hands on

4-H educational sessions in areas like general animal care, nutrition, genetics, exhibition and maintenance. The educational sessions will be coupled with field trips, guest speakers, and county and state shows.

Fayette County 4-H Council, Inc.

Award Date: February 2005

The Fayette County 4-H Council was approved for \$2,102 in Fayette County funds to purchase equipment and curriculum to support a hands-on approach to the horticulture, and environmental projects that the Council endorses.

Kentucky Community and Technical College System

Award Date: January 2005

Kentucky Community & Technical College System was approved for \$80,000 in state funds to offer a specialized computer course to tobacco farmers in tobacco dependent counties.

Kentucky Cowtown, LLC

Award Date: January 2005

Kentucky Cowtown, LLC was approved for \$25,000 in Grant County funds towards the construction of a Coverall indoor arena to provide local cattle producers a centralized location to work their animals, group for cooperative marketing efforts, and for education events pertinent to the advancement of the beef industry.

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Agricultural Development Fund Investments

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Kentucky Dairy Council

Award Date: March 2005

The Kentucky Dairy Council was approved for \$330,000 in state funds to establish the office of the Kentucky Dairy Council to develop and implement a comprehensive plan with the purpose of increasing the profitability of Kentucky dairy producers and to promote and foster an environment for growth of Kentucky's dairy industry.



Kentucky Wireless Company

Award Date: March 2005

Kentucky Wireless Company, LLC was approved for \$15,000 in Robertson County funds for the purchase and installation of a Motorola Canopy 5.8 GHz bridge link and Alvarion 2.4 GHz transmit equipment to provide rural farm households with high speed internet access.

Marshall County Conservation District

Award Date: February 2005

The Marshall County Conservation District was approved for \$21,000 in Marshall County funds to support the Marshall County efforts to improve

the bottomland farms along Clarks River by the removal of Debris in the East Fork Clarks River.

Montgomery County Farm Bureau

Award Date: March 2005

The Montgomery County Farm Bureau was approved for \$26,000 in Montgomery County funds to establish a Hay Handling Equipment cost-share program for Montgomery County farmers.

Mountain Cattlemen's Association

Award Date: January 2005

The Mountain Cattlemen's Association was approved for \$500 in Leslie, \$2,000 in Perry, \$3,000 in Breathitt and \$19,000 in state funds to purchase a 3,840 cubic foot walk-in refrigeration unit for fruit growers and other producers in the region to store their fruit until sold.

Scott County Beef Improvement Association, Inc.

Award Date: March 2005

The Scott County Beef Improvement Association was approved for \$107,000 in Scott County funds to establish and administer a Forage and Livestock Enhancement cost-share program for the purchase of needed forage packaging and handling equipment and feeding equipment to improve feed efficiency.

Todd County Conservation District

Award Date: March 2005

The Todd County Conservation District was approved for \$45,500 in Todd County funds to implement a cost-share On-Farm Drainage Enhancement project for Todd County producers.

Washington County Cattlemen Association, Inc.

Award Date: January 2005

The Washington County Cattlemen Association, Inc. was approved for \$202,068 in Washington County funds to implement a two-year, menu approach, offering six model programs that also includes reimbursement for participation in a CPH-45 sale and record keeping program.

Western Kentucky University

Award Date: January 2005

The Western Kentucky University (WKU) was approved for \$1,000 in Edmonson and \$1,332 in each Allen, Barren, Metcalfe and Simpson counties to renovate an existing barn on the WKU farm to better accommodate goat performance testing trials.



County Model Cost-share Programs

Cumulative Totals
January 2001 – March 2005

Agricultural Diversification

Est. September 2001
\$9,804,596 / 86 Counties

Cattle Genetics

Est. February 2001
\$9,985,105 / 104 Counties

Cattle Handling

Est. June 2001
\$15,707,269 / 102 Counties

Dairy Diversification

Est. January 2005
\$133,700 / 3 Counties

Fencing Improvement

Est. March 2003
\$5,158,410 / 49 Counties

Forage Improvement

Est. March 2001
\$17,608,134 / 101 Counties

Goat Diversification

Est. August 2001
\$2,887,274 / 87 Counties

Hay, Straw &

Commodity Storage

Est. November 2002
\$12,955,431 / 88 Counties

On-Farm Water

Enhancement

Est. March 2003
\$984,515 / 17 Counties


Shared-Use

Est. January 2005
\$350,452 / 17 Counties

Technology Program

Est. January 2005
\$149,000 / 2 Counties

The Buyout

 n October 22, 2004, President Bush signed the American Jobs Creation Act of

2004, which included the Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform, commonly referred to as the "Tobacco Buyout."

USDA, which is charged with administering the program, titled it the Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP).

Overview

All aspects of the Federal tobacco marketing quota and price support loan programs are ending. Beginning with the 2005 tobacco crop this means, there are no planting restrictions, no marketing cards, and no price support loans. Signing up for the TTPP is the *final and only opportunity to receive Federal payments related to tobacco production*.

The TTPP provides payments to tobacco quota holders and tobacco producers beginning in 2005 and ending in 2014. TTPP payments will be made between June and September 2005 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005. Subsequent payments in future years will be issued annually during the month of January.

Sign-up

The sign-up period for the TTPP is March 14, 2005, through June 17, 2005.

If a tobacco quota holder or tobacco producer does not sign up during this

period, he or she will **not** receive a payment for 2005. Sign-up for this tobacco program is voluntary.

If a producer grows tobacco in more than one county, the producer must sign up for TTPP in each county.

Payments

The contract payments to tobacco quota owners and producers will be made in annual installments over a 10-year period beginning in 2005 and ending September 30, 2014.

Lump-sum Payments, Assignments and Successor-interest Contracts

The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will not make a lump-sum payment to individual tobacco quota holders or producers, but a private party may. Successor-in-interest contracts will be available beginning with the FY 2006 payment. Assignment forms are available from local USDA Service Centers and they explain how to transfer TTPP payments from the CCC to another party. The successor-in-interest form will be available this summer.

More Information

Please go to your local USDA Service Center for more information. You can also visit the USDA:FSA Tobacco Web site at www.fsa.usda.gov/tobacco.

If you have questions about quarterly, annual, or close-out reporting requirements for model or non-model projects contact the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 564-4627 or via email at govkyagpolicy@ky.gov

2005 Annual Meeting

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund third annual meeting was held on January 20 in Lexington. The meeting was designed to foster a greater awareness of the agricultural development process and the policies and programs of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund. Meeting highlights included the Kentucky Opportunity Marketplace exhibit area, Kentucky product samples, policy & program updates.

The Agricultural Development Board and the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy held a special luncheon to recognize the outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations leading the way in Kentucky agriculture. County Agricultural Development Council members, County Extension Agents, and Outstanding Program Administrators were among those recognized.

The foundation of the cultural change within Kentucky's agriculture commu-

nity has been the grassroots efforts of the County Agricultural Development Councils. Recognized Council members were nominated by their fellow council members and extension agents from across the Commonwealth. One deserving member was chosen from each of the seven extension districts for their work in 2004 (see box below).

The success of the model programs depends on local organizations volunteering their time and skills administering these programs. The Outstanding Model Program Administrator of the year is Renee Walters. Renee works with the Green River Area Beef Improvement Group (GRABIG), which administers model programs for beef producers in Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster counties.

County Extension Agents have taken on the challenge of leading the County Councils and becoming the

liaison between the Council and the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy. The Outstanding Extension Agent of the year is Michael Phillips, the ANR Extension Agent for Nicholas County. He has been an adviser to the Nicholas County Council, since its inception and has played a key role in establishing the model programs for Nicholas County.

Kentucky has made history by investing half of the Master Settlement Funds to diversifying agriculture. Yet this investment could not sustain without the commitment of the thousands of people involved in this historic effort. It has been the individual investments of time, leadership, and entrepreneurship that will ensure the future of the Commonwealth's financial investment in its farm families and rural communities.

2005 County Council Members

District 1: Avavan William - Magoffin County

District 2: Beth Tillary - Jackson County

District 3: Ed Nelson - Henry County

District 4: John Cleaver - Nicholas County

District 5: Jeff Settles - Washington County

District 6: Ottie Pantle - Daviess County

District 7: David Draper - Christian County



Lewis Shuckman,
Kentucky's plucky vendor of fish!

County Council members take an opportunity to ask questions to the State Board at the Annual Meeting.



Investment Update: Kentucky's Beef Industry

The Kentucky Beef Network (KBN) has been an integral key to the growth of Kentucky's beef industry, and more importantly to the respect and attention Kentucky's beef industry is receiving nationally. The success of the KBN can be seen in many beef programs across the state including:

- The CPH 45 feeder cattle marketing program. A 3-4 fold increase in numbers since KBN was established. The role of local facilitators working with markets and producers has driven much of this. Individual farmer case studies conducted over the past two years show that producers following the guidelines and recommendations can reap an added \$50-100 per head in net income per calf by participating. CPH 45 is recognized as one of the premier feeder cattle marketing programs in the country and places Kentucky cattle with some of the most progressive buyers and feeders.
- The Kentucky BQA (Beef Quality Assurance) Program is the largest of its kind in the country. More than 9,000 producers have attained this certification by attending a one hour training course on animal handling, well being, safety and end product issues. The BQA cost share program has assisted many markets in making changes that help them to protect the integrity of cattle coming from BQA certified producers.
- The Electronic ID Herd Records Program has enabled many producers to begin to utilize technology to improve their record keeping capabilities. By doing so they equip themselves to make better and more timely management decisions. Ben Lloyd, KBN facilitator in the Green River region is leading the effort in his area. Producers report amazing results out of these projects. This also provides us with valuable data on the long term retention and readability of various electronic ID tags.
- The KBN market development fund has assisted markets in preparing for a national animal ID system. Over half of the markets in KY have applied for cost share. Many have already upgraded computer systems and begun to imple-

ment measures to deal with how they will offer tagging as a service to their customers. Few have placed RFID reader systems in place but many are testing systems and working with companies to develop systems that will work for them.

- The KBN On-Line Data Management System is in full operation, offering producers an ability to utilize electronic identification as a marketing and management advantage. The on-line system offers secure data warehousing with reporting and data sharing capabilities. This system has served as the model for many other state/regional systems around the country. This effort continues to provide a mechanism for producers to begin to prepare for a national animal identification system while taking advantage of the marketing advantage that exists now.

To learn more about the KBN and Kentucky's beef industry contact the Kentucky Cattleman's Association at (859) 278-0899 or visit their website at <http://www.kycattle.org/>.

Green River Cattle Company
*Kentucky raised beef can now
 be purchased in the Lexington
 area at Critchfield Meats.*



Joseph Gardener purchases GRCC Kentucky beef.



Investment Update: Entrepreneurship

Kentucky Entrepreneurial Coaches Institute recently received national recognition at the US Small Business Advisory "Putting It Together" conference in Washington D.C.

This one-day conference was held to explore the "best practices" of state leaders in formulating initiatives that spur entrepreneurship and economic growth. Sixteen innovative initiatives from across the United States were invited to participate in the event., the Kentucky Entrepreneurial Coaches Institute was one of the sixteen.

This national venue gave the Kentucky Entrepreneurial Coaches Institute coordinators the opportunity to showcase the cutting-edge entrepre-

neurship initiative, and to exchange ideas with economic development leaders from across the nation. The conference proceedings will be published and made available to the public in the summer of 2005.

Sponsors for this conference included the Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy, the Kauffman Foundation, the Council of State Governments and the National Lieutenant Governors Association.

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board invested \$1.28 million in the Entrepreneurial Coaches Institute, in an effort to stimulate entrepreneurship and an entrepreneurial culture in nineteen tobacco-dependent counties of Northeast Kentucky.

On January 28, 2005, the Kentucky Entrepreneurship Coaches Institute participants had the opportunity to meet with Legislators and GOAP staff at a special luncheon at the Governor's Mansion.



Rep. Adrian Arnold visits with the participants.



Secretary Jim Host, Commerce Cabinet, gave the keynote speech at he luncheon.

DEADLINES

Are you planning to submit an application or amendment to the Agricultural Development Board? If so here are a few deadlines to keep in mind.

Model Program Applications

The first Friday of each month is the deadline for model program applications. If your model program is received in our office by the first Friday of the month then it will go before the Board at that month's meeting.

Non-Model Applications

The second Friday of each month is the deadline for all non-model project applications. If your application is received in our office by the second Friday of the month it will be referred at the Board meeting that month for consideration at the meeting the following month.

Model and Non-model Amendments

The first Friday of each month is the deadline for all model and non-model project amendments. If your amendment is received in our office by the first Friday of the month then it will go before the Board at that month's meeting.

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one producer at a time.**

\$155 million
in Agricultural Development Funds
have already made an impact on
Kentucky producers.

50% of Kentucky's Tobacco Settlement Fund is being invested into agriculture for diversification and market development. The Kentucky Ag producer is better able to meet the challenges facing the future of farming.
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